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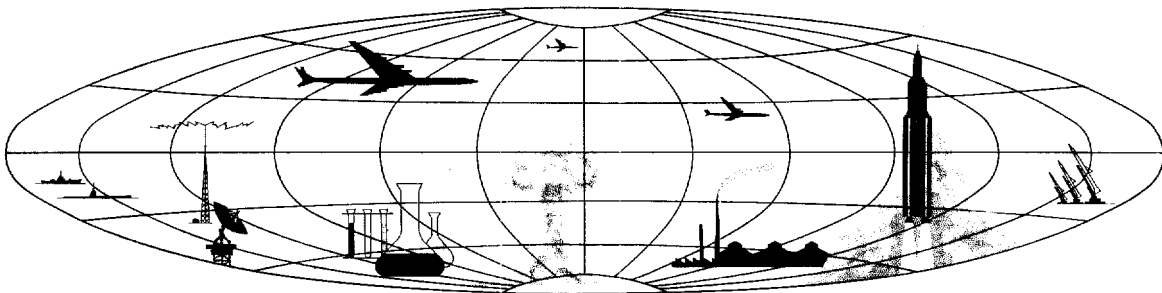
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## HIGHLIGHTS OF MILITARY ACTIVITY IN CUBA

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During the period 22-29 September 1963, the following changes took place at the SAM (SA-2) sites (Figure 1) and in the deployment of aircraft and other military equipment in Cuba.

1. SANTA CLARA SAM SITE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] a new SAM site was observed 5.3 nautical miles (nm) NNW of Santa Clara at 22-29-00N 80-00-00W. The Site contains 6 unrevetted launchers, 7 missile transporters, 3 probable canvas-covered tracked prime movers, at least 4 other vehicles, and an occupied guidance area with radar and 7 vans. Three large, 3 medium and 2 small tents are also evident at the site.

2. HOLGUIN MILITARY CAMP [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the previously observed tanks/SP guns (approximately 40) were missing from the tank park. Twenty-nine tanks/SP guns were observed just outside the tank park parked in formation. The 29 tanks/SP guns normally observed at the Encampment 2.2 nm SE were no longer present and it is believed that they were the ones observed at the Main Camp.

[REDACTED] revealed no apparent change since [REDACTED] except at the Main Camp where 30 tanks/SP guns (26 in the tank park) were observed.

3. MANATI SAM SITE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] revealed that the site had been abandoned.

4. ESMERALDA SAM SITE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] revealed that the site had been abandoned. Approximately 14 vehicles remained.

5. SANCTI SPIRITUS SAM SITE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] revealed the site to be active and normal except for the guidance area, where the equipment was disarranged. [REDACTED] the site was nearly abandoned. The launch positions and guidance area were vacant and only one canvas-covered missile transporter, 3 launchers, and 11 tracked prime movers remained.

6. CIEGO DE AVILA SAM ASSEMBLY AREA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] revealed that, in addition to the normal complement of missile equipment, 4 launchers, 2 probable launchers, 5 canvas-covered missile transporters, 6 van trucks (trailers) and 2 unidentified vehicles were parked in convoy formation in the area. [REDACTED] the area was nearly abandoned. Only 4 missile transporters and an undetermined number of missile canisters remained in the area.

7. JIGUANI SAM SITE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] revealed that the site was nearly abandoned. Only one possible launcher, 12 tracked prime movers,

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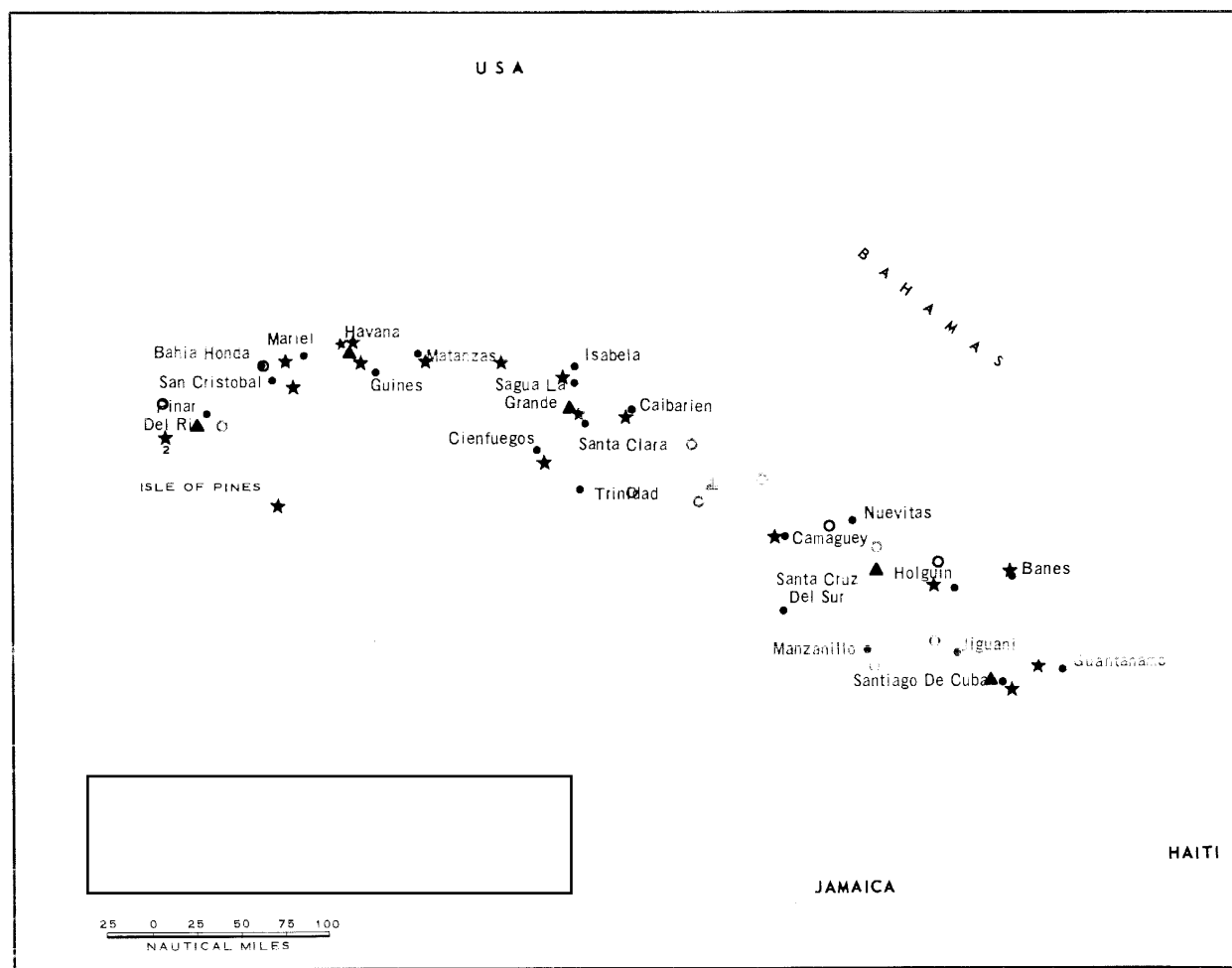


FIGURE 1. SA-2 SAM DEPLOYMENT, CUBA 22-29 SEPTEMBER 1963.

one cargo truck, and 4 van trailers were observed at the site.

25X1 8. MANZANILLO SAM SITE [REDACTED]  
25X1 [REDACTED] revealed that the launch revetments and guidance revetment were vacant. One missile on a dolly, 10 tracked prime movers, 4 tractor-trailer trucks and an undetermined number of missile canisters were observed at the site.

25X1 [REDACTED] the launch revetments and guidance revetment remained vacant. Four missile transporters, 10 tracked prime movers, 5 cargo trucks, one utility truck, and 15 missile canisters were observed at the site.

25X1 9. CHAMBAS SAM SITE [REDACTED]  
25X1 [REDACTED] the site was occupied; however, 3 of the 4 barracks were being dismantled.

25X1 [REDACTED] the launch positions and guidance area were vacant. Three probable launchers, one van trailer, and 2 probable cargo trucks were observed at the site.

25X1 10. HOLGUIN AIRFIELD [REDACTED]  
25X1 [REDACTED] revealed SAM equipment parked at the northern end of the airfield. This Equipment included 7 canvas-covered missile transporters, one probable canvas-covered missile transporter, 6 launchers, 7 van trailers, approximately 9 tracked prime movers, and 7 other vehicles or pieces of equipment. Two FISHBED, 7 FAGOT, and one HOUND were observed on the airfield.  
25X1 [REDACTED] the SAM equipment was no longer present. Two FISHBED, 2 FARMER, and 8 FAGOT/FRESCO were observed on the airfield.

11. CAMILO CIENFUEGOS AIRFIELD [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] revealed 2 FISHBED, one probable FISHBED, 5 FAGOT/FRESCO, 6 HOUND, and one LIAISON.

[REDACTED] revealed 3 FISHBED, 11 FAGOT/FRESCO, one CRATE, one LIAISON, and 5 HOUND.

12. MATANZAS SAM SITE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] revealed, in addition to the normal complement of equipment, a convoy of 6 canvas-covered missile transporters, 3 launchers, and 3 cargo trucks parked at the site. Seven van trailers were observed parked outside the ring of launchers; otherwise, the site appeared normal.

[REDACTED] the site appeared normal except that the convoy was no longer present. The van trailers remained parked outside the ring of launchers.

13. CIEGO DE AVILA SAM SITE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] revealed that the launch positions and guidance area were vacant. One canvas-covered missile transporter, 12 tracked prime movers, and 3 cargo trucks were observed at the site.

[REDACTED] the site was abandoned. No equipment was observed.

14. CAMAGUEY INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] revealed 3 FISHBED, 2 FAGOT, and 2 derelict FAGOT.  
[REDACTED] revealed 2 FISHBED, one FARMER, 2 FAGOT/FRESCO, 2 derelict FAGOT/FRESCO, and one HARE.

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15. MAYARI ARRIBA MILITARY INSTALLATION [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] revealed that, in addition to the normal complement of vehicles and equipment, one cruise missile, 2 tank trucks, and 3 van trucks were in a cleared area just west of the main installation.

16. LIMONAR MILITARY CAMP SE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] revealed that, in addition to the normal complement of vehicles and equipment, 2 canvas-covered missile transporters were parked in the main camp.

[REDACTED] revealed 6 canvas-covered missile transporters. On [REDACTED] the missile transporters were no longer present.

17. LA COLOMA SAM SITE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] revealed that the site was abandoned. No equipment was observed.

18. HAVANA SAM SITE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] revealed that the site was being reactivated. While the launch positions and guidance area were vacant, 3 launchers, 6 canvas-covered missile transporters, one cargo truck, 3 unidentified vehicles, 8 van trailers, and 5 other vehicles or pieces of equipment were parked at the site.

[REDACTED], the 3

launchers were in position and the guidance area was occupied.

19. TORRENS MILITARY COMPLEX [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] revealed the addition of 17 missile transporters, one probable missile transporter, and 5 other vehicles at the motor park and billeting area 1.9 nm South of the reformatory proper.

20. SAN JULIAN AIRFIELD [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] revealed 2 FROGOT, one HARE helicopter, and one canvas-covered missile transporter on the parking apron.

21. ARTEMISA MILITARY CAMP [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] revealed that the FROG missile transporters and associated equipment were no longer present in the secured FROG Park.

22. SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] revealed 10 probable FROG missile transporters at the camp area.

23. REMEDIOS MILITARY CAMP [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 31 tanks/SP guns were missing from the camp.

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